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Wing training timeline

As of Wednesday Pilot Instructor Training

Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	0.0	-1.0
558th FTS	1.7	0.2
559th FTS	-26.0	0.3
560th FTS	-3.1	-2.6

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training

	562nd FTS	563rd FTS
Air Force	214	Undergraduate 43
Navy	72	International 11
International	1	EWC Course 6
		Fundamentals 0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual Required
T-1A	3,275	3,276	3,835
T-6A	7,466	7,555	8,863
T-37B	7,481	7,460	8,641
T-38A	7,351	7,564	8,640
T-43A	988	1,049	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03.

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Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today		100	75
Saturday		100	75
Sunday		97	75



F/A-18 Hornets assigned to the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team perform the famed diamond formation at an air show in New Orleans. The Blue Angels and the U.S. Army Golden Knights are set to headline the Randolph Air Show here Nov. 1 and 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Dawn C. Morrison)

Air show scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2, Blue Angels, Golden Knights perform

By Ralph Monson

12th Flying Training Wing

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump team will headline a two-day air show here Nov. 1 and 2.

The air show, which is being held in conjunction with the greater San Antonio area observance of Celebrate America's Military Week and the Centennial of Flight, is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of spectators. The airshow is expected to run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on both days. The public is invited with free parking and admission.

"We're working hard to put together one of the region's biggest and best air shows ever," said Lt. Col. Todd White, Randolph Air Show director.

The Blue Angels demonstration features six Navy and Marine Corps pilots

flying F/A-18 Hornets through a demanding series of approximately 30 precision maneuvers. Each maneuver reflects the individual flying skills required by today's military combat pilots and the professionalism of all military aviators.

The Golden Knights perform precision aerial maneuvers at descent speeds reaching 120 miles per hour, then land dead center on target. The Golden Knights are considered the world's best parachute team.

"While the Blue Angels and Golden Knights are the headliners, the air show will also include an all-star lineup of aerial and ground performances showcasing America's airpower and military readiness," said Lt. Col. White. "We also anticipate having more than 40 military and civilian aircraft on static display."

The daily aerial activities will include

performances by approximately 15 modern and vintage military and civilian aircraft, including the first local public appearance by Air Education and Training Command's own West Coast T-6A Texan II aerial demonstration team. The fully aerobatic T-6A Texan II is the most advanced primary trainer ever flown by the United States Air Force.

"In addition to the numerous flying activities, there will be a variety of ground exhibits and concessions," said Lt. Col. White.

This is the just the second multi-day military air show in San Antonio history and crowds during the event are expected to approach several hundred thousand, according to event coordinators.

For more details about the event, visit the air show web site at www.randolph.af.mil/airshow or call the air show information line at (210) 652-SHOW.

It's time to test new utility uniform

By Gen. John Jumper

Air Force Chief of Staff

By now most airmen have probably heard that we are going to wear-test a new utility uniform, and you may be wondering why.

Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable, and most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear. The wear-test program will be conducted over the course of six months and will test 300 sets of uniforms at nine bases, representative of all our MAJCOMs and operating environments.

Our current utility uniform has been adequate, but now is the time to develop a uniform that better satisfies our needs as a service. In designing this test uniform, we



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considered the requirements for camouflage, how and where the uniform is used and who uses it.

Our current utility uniform dates back to the late 1980s, and much has changed since then. We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform.

In the last twenty years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that

can satisfy our various climates and utility needs while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance. Just as the other services have designed uniforms to meet their specific missions, we need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions.

Another important change is the greater percentage of women in the force.

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Chief of Staff outlines new fitness program

By **Gen. John Jumper**
Air Force Chief of Staff

Our superb Total Force performance in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM secured our reputation as the greatest Air Force in the world. We should all take great pride in that.

Our execution of the war plan was also consistent with our core values.

Integrity, in that we upheld the highest standards of performance, learned from the things we could have done better, and will make ourselves better as a result; service before self, in that 40,000 warriors deployed forward, supported by thousands more back home, to do the right thing for the people of Iraq and to play our part in the joint air, land, and sea effort; and excellence, in that we demonstrated the ability to plan and execute air and space missions with a degree of precision never before achieved.

When looking at our Air Force overall, I am very pleased. One aspect of our Total Force that does need improvement, however, is our physical fitness.

About ten years ago, we transitioned to fitness testing based on the cycle ergometry test. This was done to preclude

injuries experienced in the previous 1.5-mile run format. It was also deemed a more precise and high-tech way to measure aerobic performance.

My belief is that we are a much different Air Force today. We deploy to all regions of the world, living in tent cities and working on flight lines in extremes of temperatures. Some of our airmen today are operating from inside Iraq, subject to attack, and could be called upon to help defend the base, a trend that will surely increase in the growing expeditionary nature of our business.

The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture. It's time to change that.

We will soon release a new fitness program that gets back to the basics of running, sit-ups and pushups. There will be accommodations made for those who aren't able to run for legitimate reasons. The cycle ergometry test may still be used for those not medically cleared to run.

We are planning to issue physical training (PT) gear as part of the program and to put responsibility for PT in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support

staff. I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior NCOs, and I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard. Physical fitness should also be an area of concern for the Air Force civil servants. I encourage the civilian members of our Air Force organizations to join with their uniformed peers in participating in this program.

While we have weight and body fat standards that we must meet, there will be some, weightlifter's in particular, who may be perfectly fit but not meet these standards. This is where I expect commanders to step in and make a decision. Everyone will have to pass the commander's eyeball test about how fit we are to wear the uniform. Every year we muster out about 400 people from our Air Force because of fitness issues.

We should ask ourselves how many of those people were really trying to meet the standard and how many leaders and supervisors took an active part — getting out and running with them, etc. — in helping them meet the standard.

We will start this program on Jan. 1 2004 so there is plenty of time for us to

get ready. You can use me as a benchmark. I am currently recovering from abdominal surgery and am not allowed to run for another two weeks. I won't be able to do any sit-ups for another month. During the first week in January I plan to lead all Air Force general officers in the Pentagon and the Washington, DC area in the PT test. During the same week, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Murray will do the same thing with our command chiefs in the area. We will follow that with the colonels, the remaining chief master sergeants, etc. We will ask the MAJCOM commanders to lead similar efforts as their operational situations allow.

I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force. We expected to be required to sustain the standards required in basic training, the Air Force Academy, ROTC or Officer Training School. Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: if you are out of shape, fix it.

If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them. January 2004 is the date. Be ready.



Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail *randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil*

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or

manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a

reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

Respect the flag, National Anthem

Question: I notice a lot of civilians and military here not giving respect to the flag and national anthem, most notably when I'm picking my son up from the youth center in the afternoon. I correct the ones I notice, especially other NCOs or airmen — even an officer occasionally — but think this may need to be addressed to the base

populace as a whole. Is there a way to address this in the base paper?

Answer: You are absolutly right. Maintaining proper customs and courtesies is a key element of our stewardship of this great Air Force. I believe the article below provides sound guidance for us all

Respect: Take time to show proper courtesy

By **Sharon McDaniel, chief of Protocol**
12th Flying Training Wing

When I first learned the Pledge of Allegiance, Old Glory had 48 stars, Decoration Day was the 30th of May and Armistice Day was the 11th of November. Today, we have 50 stars on our flag, Memorial Day is now a three-day weekend and November 11th is known as Veteran's Day. One thing that has remained constant is the protocol for the stars and stripes.

Recently, we have had some questions about proper flag protocol and some of the military traditions we observe daily . Randolph has a 24-hour display for the flag. While the flag is not raised each morning and lowered each night, we do still play reveille in the morning, sound retreat and play the national anthem each evening, and play taps at night. Let's discuss each event as the day unfolds.

Reveille begins each duty day at 6:30 a.m. "It's time

to get up,..." as the words go. Many of us are at work by this time or perhaps on our morning run. When reveille is played in conjunction with a flag raising ceremony it is appropriate to stop, face and salute the flag or the direction of the music. Without the flag raising ceremony — as is the case day-to-day at Randolph— no action is required.


The sounding of retreat and the playing of our national anthem mark the close of our duty day. This also serves as a ceremony to pay respect to the flag. You may have noticed during this time that traffic is halted at the entrances of the base. Likewise, if you are in a vehicle, you should safely pull over, stop your vehicle and remain stationary until the conclusion of the national anthem.

If you are a pedestrian and in uniform, on the first note of retreat you should face the flag or sound of the music and assume the position of parade rest, then salute on the first note of the National Anthem. The salute will be held until the last note of the Anthem. Civilians will halt

and place their right hand over their heart and if headgear is worn remove it and place over the heart. We can pause for this brief time (one minute and a half) and pay tribute to our flag and what it represents. Please instruct your children on the meaning of retreat and proper response-they are part of our military family as well.

The sounding of Taps brings each day to a close. It is a time to pay tribute to those who have gone before; a final salute to their sacrifice. During the playing of taps, those in uniform, stop, face the sound of the music and render a hand salute. Civilians should face the direction of the music and place their hand over their heart: men should remove headgear. If you are traveling in a vehicle, safely pull over, stop, turn off the music and remain in place until the last note is played.

As you pause to observe these daily special events, give thanks for the opportunity to live work, and to defend this great nation.



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A View from the Top
By Gen. Don Cook
AETC Commander

Two members of our command team and Air Force family are no longer with us because of accidents earlier this summer that cost them their lives.

In one, a young officer had an all-terrain vehicle flip over on him while home on vacation. In the other, an airman hit a sport utility vehicle head on with his motorcycle while traveling during the Independence Day weekend.

These two deaths represent a tragic loss of life, unfulfilled potential and dreams never realized. Even more tragic is two families lost sons. Our command shares that loss and extends our condolences to their families. And, with them, we will always wonder, “Why?”

There is no easy answer to that question. If there were, we could avoid such senseless loss of life. We may get a clear indication of what went wrong to cause these accidents, but we’ll never know what was going on in the minds of the victims en route to these preventable accidents and their tragic outcome.

The safety of our people, our families and friends should be a constant concern for us. We’ve lost three people in AETC and 21 Air Force wide since Memorial Day. Most didn’t use safety equipment, failed to buckle up and observe speed limits, were impaired by fatigue or alcohol, or followed a deadly combination of mishap contributors.

I’m not only saddened by these deaths, I’m also mad. We fail as a command and an Air Force when members of our military family lose their lives in accidents that could have been prevented. It’s imperative we continue to stress and follow the tenets of operational risk

management, or ORM:

- Determine risks associated with an action or activity
- Weigh the risks against the benefits
- Control the risks

The underlying principle in ORM is to accept no unnecessary risk. This safety message never gets old, and we need more young people delivering it. Nearly three-fourths of summer fatalities happen to people ages 18-25, who, for whatever reasons, stretch the limits of safe behavior.

My message to our young enlisted and officer airmen is simple: Get involved and take responsibility for the safety of your friends and colleagues. Don’t tolerate risky behavior. If you see your friends engaged in such behavior, tell them to knock it off. I’d rather you get a few friends a little mad than see their names in an obituary. There is absolutely no room in our Air Force for apathy in this regard.



General Cook

Keeping our force safe is a leadership issue for all of us. I challenge all AETC teammates to exercise those leadership skills vigorously and often.

Vigilance by all is the best defense at home



Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Capt. Jeffrey Moore, Ms. Eveyln Mickles, Tech. Sgt. Arturo Ocampo, Senior Airman Nicole Haun, Airman 1st Class George Wild and Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens, 19th Air Force Command Chief (formerly 12th FTW command chief), are pictured at the Team Randolph Quarterly Awards. Not pictured are Master Sgt. Yvette Leonard, Mr. Mark Hostetter, Mr. Jerry McWhorter and Staff Sgt. Joseph Krawietz. (Photo by Steve White)

Team Randolph quarterly award winners

Nine people were recognized as Team Randolph's best July 31 at the quarterly awards luncheon in the enlisted club.

The quarterly awards luncheon recognizes the top performers among the host wing and all base tenant units.

The winners are: Captain Jeffrey Morre, Company Grade Officer; Master Sgt. Yvette Leonard, Senior Noncommissioned Officer; Tech Sgt. Arturo Ocampo, Noncommissioned Officer; Airman 1st

Class George Wild, Junior Enlisted Member; Ms. Evelyn Mickles, Civilian Category 1, Mr. Mark Hostetter; Civilian Category 2; Mr. Jerry McWhorter, Civilian Category 3; Staff Sgt. Joseph Krawietz, Honor Guard NCO and Senior Airman Nicole Haun, Honor Guard Airman.

The award recipients received various prizes from local community sponsors such as the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, Randolph Chiefs' Group, KB

Homes, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, GEICO Insurance Company, the Military Service Organization, Eisenhower National Bank, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, NCO Wives' Club, Officers' Wives' Club, First Command Financial Planning, Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce, Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce, and E.G. & G. Management Services.

Navigator graduates receive special recognition

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two Navy and two Air Force members received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here Aug. 1.

Second Lt. Ritchi Ruliffson received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup, presented to the top overall graduate. He also earned the Jack Donavon Award and the EWO Academic Excellence Award.

Second Lt. Winslow Truax received the Ira J. Husik Award, Ensign William White won the Alden C. Markey Award and Ensign Brian Fichter won the 562nd Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and electronic warfare officer training in the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.



Second Lt. Ritchi Ruliffson
AETC Commander's Cup
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563rd (EWO) Academic Excellence Award



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Ensign Brian Fichter
562nd Academic Excellence Award

News Briefs

Change of command

The Air Force Security Assistance Training Squadron will hold their change of command Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the officers' club. Col. Stephen Brummond will replace Col. Thomas Moe.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Rich Trujillo at 652-3745.

Mandatory supervisor signature and split disbursement

In an effort to decrease Government Travel Card delinquencies the Air Force has made it mandatory for all military members to use the split disbursement payment method when filing their travel vouchers. It is also a

requirement for supervisors or approving officials to sign TDY travel claims - line 20.c form 1351-2. The supervisors signature is not required for accrual payments, PCS, or DITY vouchers. Please direct all questions on these new policies to the 12th Comptroller Squadron 652-1851.

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Veterinary clinic notes lost pet policy

In case of a lost pet, the Randolph veterinary clinic tries to locate the owner using microchip or tags on the animal. If the owner is located, the veterinary clinic can keep the pet until close of business that day.

The vet clinic is not a holding facility, so if the owner cannot be reached, animal control will take the pet.

For more information, call 652-3190.

Fifteen lieutenants selected for promotion

By authority of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of the Air Force streamlined the promotion process for first lieutenants eligible for promotion to captain by eliminating captain central selection boards. The new process places primary responsibility for determining an officer’s readiness for promotion to captain to the major command or equivalent level. The results of the calender year 03A Quarterly Captain Promotion Process were recently approved. The Team Randolph selects are:

Air Education and Training Command
Kimberly Hoss
Timothy Schofield

Air Force Personnel Center
Jose Corella III
Walter Richmond II
Air Force Institute of Technology, Houston
Chrystal Putnam
AF Manpower and Innovation Agency
Evan Morgan
AF Manpower and Determination Squadron
Robert Shipp
Air Force ROTC Southwest Region
Patricia Jopling
12th Flying Training Wing
Marc Banjak
Gregory Beelek
Enrique Guerrero
Karen Nzerem
332nd Airlift
Jeremy Leighton
562nd Flying Training Squadron
Jasen Blacksburg
John Staudt III

AF to test new utility uniforms

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In the late 1980s when we first adopted the current utility uniform, women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force — today they are nearly 20 percent of the force. Since then, women have been required to wear uniforms designed to fit men. The test uniform will come in a full range of women’s sizes, so women will be able to find a uniform that fits well. A uniform designed with the Air Force of the 21st century in mind will address these issues.

The care and upkeep of the current uniform requires professional laundry service or a lot of dedicated time with an iron to make it look neat. This can cost as much as six dollars each time the uniform is professionally cleaned. The test uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering, ironing and starching. We estimate that home laundering will

potentially save between \$180 and \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

There are a number of other advantages to the uniform we have designed. The test uniform will employ the same fabric identified by our Marine colleagues as the optimum material for both durability and wash and wear characteristics. The test uniform pattern corresponds to the jobs our airmen do in most situations requiring a utility uniform, whereas the woodland camouflage pattern is suitable in only a limited number of environments.

The pattern will recall the “tiger stripe” camouflage used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force embedded logo and a color scheme of blue, gray and green that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

We’re also making a number of

changes based on inputs to the uniform board. We have located pockets where they will be most useful. We are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative t-shirts that allow airmen to remove their utility shirts in hot climates without being out of uniform.

I ask that you take an objective look at the new uniform. It will be a distinctive Air Force uniform designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform. I think it will be a uniform you will feel proud and comfortable wearing.

We will conduct the wear test throughout the Air Force starting in January 2004, and we’ll solicit your feedback. My goal is to provide you a uniform that will satisfy your needs, while ensuring that we maintain the professional warrior image of the world’s greatest Air Force.

Battle of the Groups 2003	<i>Battle of the Groups is part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Wing units are awarded “reduction points” for safety initiatives, lack of mishaps and other incidents. (Standings</i>	<i>provided by 12th FTW Safety Office)</i> Here are the standings as of close of business Wednesday: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 12th Support Group: -29.3459	● 12th Medical Group: -26.0000
			● 12th Operations Group: -22.0000
			● 12th Logistics Group: -38.0000

PureEdge replaces FormFlow

By 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

People in Air Education and Training Command who have spent hours working on FormFlow documents only to lose their data should be glad to switch to the new, user-friendly software program required now for completing the Air Force Form 1206, Nomination for Award.

PureEdge is the program replacing FormFlow throughout the Air Force, and the move in AETC to mandate its use for award packages was made, in part, to get people in the command familiar with the new software application.

“We were seeing that we had this great thing, but nobody was using it,” said Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Barron, command information management functional manager in the AETC Directorate of Communications and Information. “Air Force Form 1206 was chosen as a strategy

to get people to use this software, because it goes completely across every command and organization on base.”

Called IMTs for “information management tools,” the forms in PureEdge are Web-based, so they’re “much more user-friendly, intuitive and straightforward than FormFlow,” said Phyllis Conrad, AETC publishing manager.

Unlike FormFlow, which saved form information as a separate data file, IMT information is collated into one file, so the form and data open simultaneously in PureEdge. Users simply click on the form, type information and hit save.

The inclusive package also means the user doesn’t need the software at home. Via the Internet and e-mail, a user can work from home or on the road.

The command chose to begin the AF Form 1206 initiative in August to give users enough time to get familiar with Pure Edge before the big thrust of annual

awards at the end of the year, said Senior Master Sgt. Jeri Lara, superintendent of the systems support and information management branch of the AETC Directorate of Personnel.

Some users might require help ensuring they have the software on their desktop, downloading the software if they don’t have it, and how to locate and use forms, but formal training is not needed.

“The product is designed so users can teach themselves how to use it, though computer-based training is available on the internet at www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/im/,” Chief Barron said. “If you can use Microsoft Word, you can use IMT. It’s that easy.”

IMTs have been Internet accessible for the Air Force’s 100 most-used forms since September 2002, said Ms. Conrad. Conversion of all Air Force forms started in November and is projected for mid-2004 completion.

“(PureEdge) is going to be such a

success, because it is easier for people to use and saves them time to do their job,” Sergeant Lara said. “Therefore, it is going to make the awards (nomination) process easier for people.”

FormFlow isn’t disappearing, although technical support stopped in August 2002. Department of Defense forms will remain in FormFlow, so users should still keep that software on their computers.

“In two to three years (PureEdge is) going to be as revolutionary a change to the information world as FormFlow was when it hit the streets in the mid-’80s,” said Chief Barron. “We are just beginning IMTs. The 1206 is just the tip of the iceberg, but we need to get the user using it.”

For help with the transition to PureEdge, contact your information manager or base-level forms monitor. Air Force Form 1206 is available on the Web at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/formfiles/af/af1206/af1206.xfd>.

AFPC begins new “Lean Concept”

By Marcy Taylor
Air Force Personnel Center
Human Resources specialist

Air Force Personnel Center teams are participating in a new process to improve the Air Force’s civilian personnel fill process - an area identified for improvement by the Business Initiative Council.

The teams are employing the “Lean Concept” which

was first used by Toyota after World War II to identify and eliminate inefficiencies, design an improved future state and develop a rapid improvement plan to map efforts for achieving the future state. The results of these efforts will have a positive and significant impact on civilian personnel customers.

The first teams are currently identifying positive changes in the civilian personnel fill process. There are three teams currently taking a look at different areas:

team one will look at the 318 secretary series, team two will look at the personnel career field and team three will look at wage grade positions.

Once this effort is completed in about three weeks, future lean efforts will begin on processes used by managers and base civilian personnel flights in initiating fill actions, selecting employees, and effecting their reporting for duty. More information about the lean processes will be published as it becomes available.

Maintainers receive wireless LAN technology

By 2nd Lt. Angela Jimdar
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

Randolph Air Force Base maintainers will be the first in Air Education and Training Command to use wireless technology to reduce the time it takes to fix aircraft.

Called Point of Maintenance, or POMX, the wireless local area network will allow technicians to use the computer-based maintenance information system without leaving their work area when POMX becomes fully operational here in late August.

AETC is the first command to permanently use the POMX template and determine how it will be fielded across the Air Force, according to officials here.

Randolph started implementing POMX during a test period from October 2002 to April. The 12th Logistics Group is now working to complete full installation in Randolph's hangars and maintenance areas.

POMX is the first step toward becoming more interactive in reducing the maintenance time required to generate sorties.

"The implementation will ultimately get us to the point where we reduce the time required to recover airplanes, repair them and return them to service," said Col. Steve Cooper, 12th LG commander.

The technology will allow maintainers to input and access data wherever they are working.

"In a nutshell, what POMX does is bring technology to the point of use specifically for aircraft



Sitting in a T-38 inside an aircraft maintenance hangar at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Donald Pena, an aircraft mechanic in the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization, uses a laptop computer to access data from the maintenance information system via a new wireless local area network. (Photo by David Terry)

maintenance," said Tod Clement, AETC POMX project manager. "For example, an advantage of POMX is the ability to load maintenance data on the flightline by inputting data there instead of packing everything up and taking documentation back to the flight room. With this new ability, technicians will have the edge they

need in order to distribute information to the widest potential (audience)."

Using laptops with access to wireless LAN terminals located throughout the flightline maintenance area, maintainers use laptops to remain connected to computer servers no matter where their work takes them.

"The wireless local area network laptop is convenient and saves time," said Rick Peyton, an avionics technician. "With POMX at technicians' fingertips, it will cut transit time in half, thus saving the Air Force money. This might not sound like a lot, but when you add up the time of 139 maintenance technicians, it is a lot."

As with any new system, there are growing pains to overcome, such as slow log-on times and the short battery life of the laptops.

"If we are going to be more reliable and interactive in information technology, then we need to figure that out," said Colonel Cooper, "(because) immediate improvement and the ability to input data is a big deal in maintenance."

According to Mr. Clement, the cost to implement POMX throughout AETC will be about \$66 million over the next several years. All AETC maintenance operations will be POMX capable by fiscal year 2007.

"AETC POMX is a first step in moving the Air Force toward an integrated vision," he said. "Successful implementation here will pave the way for Air Force-wide adoption."

NCO of the Year

Air Force Times recognizes Randolph NCO

By 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Cedric Council, a manager in the Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Office here has been named the Air Force Times’ 2003 Airman of the Year.

He received his award July 10 at a ceremony in Washington honoring the Military Times service members of the year. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, were among the dignitaries at the event.

“Words can’t describe how I’m feeling. It’s awesome,” said Sergeant Council. “This is the most prestigious award I’ve ever won in my military career and it still hasn’t sunk in.”

According to Air Force Times submission guidelines, the annual award highlights exemplary achievement by a service member beyond the call of duty in epitomizing what it means to be an airman: heroism, patriotism, selfless service to country and community.

“Nominees and votes are submitted by peers, instead of command driven, thus the award is more indicative of how peers view their colleague versus how the nominee sees him or herself,” said Lance Bacon, Air Force Times managing editor. “The award

program allows airmen to acknowledge their peers, the everyday heroes who do phenomenal things not necessarily promoted for.”

Sergeant Council is the image of ‘Mr. Air Force,’ said Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Wiggers Sr. of the AETC IG team, noting Sergeant Council’s photo was once used in a military study guide as an example of how a person should look in uniform.

According to Mr. Bacon, this year was extremely competitive. The final six out of 250 nominees each had very strong packages. Sergeant Council’s stellar performance professionally, far surpassing duties as an inspector general and also as an NCO, made him stand out.

“He is a cut above the average airman, showing remarkable leadership as an NCO and in his community involvement, setting an example as an AF professional and as an airman for all who could see whether on base or off base,” said Mr. Bacon.

The Air Force Times honored Sergeant Council for his work with pilot combat training, supporting homeland security and basic training programs. He conducted 12 command inspections, detecting 150 deficiencies affecting 120,000 sorties. His hazardous materials storage redesign recommendations improved safety for more than 300 people and drastically reduced environmental contamination.

“My wife gives me the ultimate support, providing me the opportunity, freedom and encouragement to volunteer. She knows in her heart it is the right thing to do.”

Senior Master Sgt. Cedric Council,
Air Education and Training Command
Inspector General Office manager



“Everyone we spoke to about Sergeant Council, from equal to higher and lower rank and community charities, all had great things to say about him,” said Mr. Bacon.

As a member of the Texas Youth Commission, he mentors incarcerated youth to help them transition back into mainstream society. For nearly a dozen years, he has worked with a group to clean up a neglected community cemetery. He also sponsored a clothing drive for needy families.

He also works with a program that

provides meals to the homeless. He raised more than \$5,000 to provide scholarships and books for schools in San Antonio. He regularly visits San Antonio nursing homes where he also organizes birthday parties for the residents.

Sergeant Council attributes his success to his wife, to retired Chief Master Sgt. Clarence Saucer of the IG team and to his coworkers.

“My wife gives me the ultimate support, providing me the opportunity, freedom and encouragement to volunteer,” said Sergeant Council. “She knows in her heart it is the right thing to do.”

Sergeant Council said Chief Saucer was always pushing him to get involved. He told him to mentor anyone in need, teaching him that to truly succeed in life one must be a whole person.

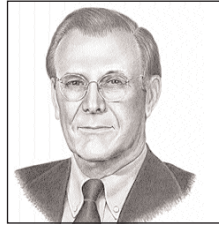
“This entails not only being a superstar role model on the job but also setting standards outside and beyond the base gates,” said Sergeant Council. “There is a community that can use your help and the self-satisfaction is worth more than anything.

“The IG is also supportive in anything I do or want to do. I won and was presented the award, but really it is a maintenance award, because everyone in that section played an integral part in me being able to do the things I’ve done.”

Vigilance by all is the best defense at home

America at War

“The task of the commanders on the ground is to do their job. And their job has been without any ambiguity at all to try to seek out, find and capture or kill the senior leadership from Iraq. If a person is determined to fight to the death, then they may very well have that opportunity.”



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
Press release July 23

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 144 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Bremer: ‘We will prevail’ against Pro-Saddam insurgents

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2003 – Despite repeated hit and run assaults on U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq by “bitter-ender” Saddam supporters, security and reconstruction efforts in that country continue forward, the senior U.S. administrator in Iraq said July 20.

L. Paul Bremer reiterated on the CBS “Face the Nation” and NBC “Meet the Press” Sunday talk shows that security and reconstruction efforts in Iraq are on track. And he announced earlier in the day on “Fox News Sunday” about the creation of a new Iraqi civil defense force to assist U.S.-coalition forces in rounding up Saddam loyalists. Bremer was in town to consult with senior U.S. officials – to include President Bush – on the situation in Iraq.

The majority of attacks on U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq, Bremer noted, are occurring in traditional Saddam strongholds north and west of Baghdad that were left relatively intact because of the April 9 fall of Baghdad and the concurrent flight of the dictator’s regime.

More than 35 U.S. troops have been killed in such assaults since President Bush declared the end of major combat operations in the country May 1.

However, most of Iraq today is at peace, Bremer asserted on “Face the Nation,” noting, “we’re facing a small group of ‘bitter-enders.’”

“We have an ongoing problem of security in a very small part of the country,” he acknowledged, noting U.S. and coalition forces have liberated a nation of 25 million from the tyranny of a despotic regime.

Saddam loyalists who are attacking U.S. and coalition forces, Bremer noted, “are trying to turn (back) the tide of history.”

“We have thrown out Saddam. And Saddam – dead or alive – is finished in Iraq,” he emphasized. “We will prevail against these professional killers,” Bremer pledged, adding, “they are in a small area of the country — that’s the place where the unrest is — and we’ll deal with it.”

Commenting on recent demonstrations against the Iraqi interim government, he said “the fact of the matter is, in all the polls I’ve seen, the vast majority of the Iraqis prefer to be free and are pleased that the coalition freed them.”

Bremer noted that establishing the Iraqi militia will bolster the country’s security, in addition to a new national army and a 65,000-member police force. He also mentioned the formation of an Iraqi border guard force.

“We’re going to be making more use of the Iraqis as we go along,” he asserted.

Attacks on U.S.-coalition forces in Iraq represent “assaults on our successes,” Bremer maintained, noting that a new national Iraqi currency and a budget have been established in the past two weeks. And he stated that work is rapidly proceeding in re-establishing Iraqi power and water facilities to pre-war levels.

U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq “will continue to go after” pro-Saddam insurgents, Bremer added. In fact, he noted, about 800 suspected Saddam supporters have been rounded up in recent days.

The Iraqi militia, which he also termed as a civil defense force, will be employed at selected sites and on convoy and route security missions, he said on “Meet the Press.” This will “free some of our soldiers to go out and be still more aggressive.”

The length of stay for U.S. and coalition forces is predicated on how quickly the Iraqis can write a new constitution and hold free, democratic elections, Bremer noted.

In the meantime, he said, the U.S. and its coalition partners are participating in a truly international effort to put Iraq back on its feet as a peaceful, democratic nation. Currently, the U.S. has about 148,000 troops in Iraq augmented by about 13,000 coalition forces.

Bremer observed that while 12 different nations now have military forces on the ground in Iraq, the United States is “the world’s great power right now.” With that power comes “great responsibility,” he maintained.

“We have the fundamental responsibility now for winning the peace in Iraq, and we’re going to do that,” he concluded.

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Commander’s Access Channel

On base TVs
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People who have televisions connected to cable on base have the capability of viewing the Commander’s Access Channel, channel 21. The access channel provides real-time information about base events and other activities of interest to members of the Randolph community. The access channel is especially useful when people need to find out details about inclement weather reporting procedures, real-world or exercise activities, gate closures or other events that affect operations at Randolph. For more information about the access channel or to find out how to post information, call Minty Knighton or Ralph Monson at 652-5760. Air Force News Service will be broadcast Fridays at noon.

Air Force Birthday Ball set for Sept. 20

By 1st Lt. Cynthia Howze
Air Force Ball publicity

Team Randolph members as well as military assigned throughout the Alamo City will have the opportunity to celebrate the 56th Anniversary of the United States Air Force by paying tribute to the contributions of our service members at the 2003 Air Force Birthday Ball.

The event will be held Sept. 20 in Hangar 4. The Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association and the 12th Flying Training Wing are the hosts for the event.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Hans Mark, former Secretary of the Air Force.

The theme of this year’s event, “Centennial of Flight”, will commemorate the historic flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk. In

addition to Dr. Mark’s speech, highlights of the evening will include a ceremony honoring American prisoners of war and those missing in action, recognition of the youngest and oldest Air Force Association members attending and music provided by members of the Air Force Band of the West.

The birthday ball begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for all officers, E-5/GS-10s and above and \$15 for E-5/GS-9s and below.)

The proceeds will go to the Alamo chapter’s education and community awareness progress

Dress for the occasion is mess dress or semi-formal for military and “black tie” for civilians.

All guests will receive a commemorative coin of the event. Plesae contact your unit representative for tickets and more information.

Air Force Ball contacts

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets should call the following:

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12 FTW - Master Sgt. Michael Russey - 652-4872
Air Education and Training Command - Master Sgt. Dana Morrow - 652-2149
Air Force Personnel Center - Capt. David Stanfield - 565-2277
Air Force Recruiting Service - Master Sgt. Weldon Selders - 652-3511
Air Force Services Agency - Charles Ervin - 652-2623

Lackland Air Force Base

59th Medical Wing - 1st Lt. Don Kotulan - 292-6888
37th Training Wing - Master Sgt. Steve Smith - 671-5053
Air Guard - Master Sgt. Roland Pena - 977-6075
Air Intelligence Agency - Capt. Paul Wright - 977-4017
Air Force Reserve - Annie Howell - 977-2884
Cryptologic Systems Group - Master Sgt. Sheila Davis - 925-5246

Brooks City Base

Brooks - Staff Sgt. Kathryn King - 536-3132

Other

Air Force ROTC, Det. 842 - Col. Vance Zider - 458-4624
Arnold Air Society - Cadet BJ Lim - 641-9730

COMMANDER CONNECTION

(This column is intended to unofficially introduce new unit commanders to the base community.)

Lt. Col. Bill McKechnie

563rd Flying Training Squadron

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Good Neighbor: Exterior lighting

(This “Good Neighbor” column is designed to help Team Randolph members be good stewards of our historic infrastructure. The column is planned to alternate with the “Construction Corner” and will include helpful tips from our 12th Civil Engineer Squadron for facility managers and housing residents. I appreciate your continuing efforts to help maintain Randolph as the Showplace of the Air Force!

Col. Greg Patterson
12th Support Group commander)
Randolph has approximately 3,000 street, athletic field, security, obstruction and airfield lights.

For expedience and energy conservation, our civil engineers currently check for failed lighting systems during hours of darkness when systems are operational. Due to strategic sourcing and manpower reductions, civil engineering will increasingly depend on base residents, shift workers, facility custodians and the security police to help identify failed lights.
Help Randolph by reporting non-functioning street/security lights to our “24/7” Energy Management Control Systems Operations Unit at 652-3151. Reporting lighting systems that fail to turn off during the day, will also assist in meeting our base energy conservation goals, please.

Randolph to keep T-38s active for training

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

“Over five hundred T-38s will be coming through Randolph’s Queen Bee hangers. That’s Air Education and Training Command’s entire fleet!” said Senior Master Sgt. Shelby Clay, 12th Logistics Group Contract Field Team superintendent. “But that’s over the next ten years,” he added with a big grin.

This kind of major maintenance contract will keep work steady for the logistics people here for a long time. It is also significant because it is part of a long-term plan to keep the T-38s active in the Air Force flight training program for another twenty years. Flight training has been the lifeblood of Randolph ever since the city of San Antonio bought the land and gave it to the Army Air Corps in 1927.

The T-38A prototype first flew in April 1959 and production continued until a total of 1,189 had been built. Over the years various modifications have been made to the plane but the current program, called the Propulsion Modification Program, is the project that will run for about ten years.

There is no Air Force depot-level base working on T-38s. Lear Siegler Incorporated is doing that kind of work under contract, and this is the only base where the structural airframe part of the PMP is being done. LSI has been working here since 1976, and many of the skilled airframe and powerplant mechanics have



(Above) Scott Kennedy, Lear Siegler Incorporated contractor with the Queen Bee project, works on a “fat lip” air inlet assembly for a T-38C modification. (Below) Miguel Sanchez, Lear Siegler Incorporated contractor with the Queen Bee project, works on airframe bulkheads of a T-38. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

been here that whole time.

LSI supervisor Dave Crookham pointed out the details of the PMP modifications.

“The ejector is being changed to a new design that allows ambient air to be automatically pulled into the jet exhaust stream. This will increase fuel efficiency and overall economy of flight operations,” he said.

The ejector is the visible section at the very tail end of the aircraft. The new part is made of titanium to withstand the extreme temperatures of the jet blast. It is recognizable to even the untrained eye by the small shutters around the circumference of the aft section or boattail.

Another change visible from the outside of the aircraft is the “fat lip” engine air intake on the sides of the aircraft. The old air intake is identified by the way it is slanted back at its lower edge. The PMP intake is larger in cross section and has a vertical front lip. Also the new intake can be identified from the front by the white painted surface visible inside the air duct. The ‘fat lip’ provides more air to the engine during takeoff to improve takeoff performance.

Other changes are internal and involve replacing certain bulkheads and formers where some stress cracks have been observed. This part of the modification

requires a high level of workmanship not normally required on most airplanes.

“The T-38 airframes were not built using jigs,” explained Mr. Crookham. “This means that each T-38 is essentially a one of a kind and any repairs must be individually worked to make parts line up and fasten together. When the project began last October, each plane was in the repair docks about 45 days, but now they average about 25 days,” he said.

The end result of the PMP is that the T-38A and B models cease to exist and become the T-38C. Then the pilots of the 415th Test Flight here take the reborn planes up for testing and finally deliver them back to their home bases, ready for another twenty years of training the best pilots in the world.



Stress

HAWC offers management tips

By Lt. Col. Dawn Jackson
Health and Wellness Center

Stress is defined as a mentally or emotionally disruptive condition which occurs in response to adverse external influences and capable of affecting physical and mental health.

Simply, stress is the response to demands that are placed on us by ourselves, others, or life circumstances.

Stress experienced in moderation can be healthy and can serve as a motivator. However, when the demand exceeds the ability to manage stress we experience distress. Learning to recognize the warning signs and developing coping strategies for countering excessive demands is an important step to improve one’s wellness.

Stress can take many different forms depending on how you have learned to respond to life’s stressors.

Most people experience warning signs in three ways; physically, emotionally and behaviorally.

Physical warning signs include increased heart rate, a rise in blood pressure, muscular tension, irritability,

upset stomach, difficulty sleeping and changes in appetite.

Emotionally, people are likely to feel anxious, depressed, frustrated or irritable.

Behavioral warning signs include withdrawal from social and recreational activities, snapping at people, crying, or an increase use of drugs or alcohol. It is normal to experience some of these warning signs from time to time, but a chronic pattern over time may indicate a stress-related problem.

The ability to recognize the warning signs of stress is an important first step in effective stress management. If you take the time to observe yourself in a stressful situation you can identify your warning signs.

Use these warning signs as cues to implement coping strategies. For example, if you notice your neck and shoulders are tense, that is your cue to do something to relax. If you notice you are getting frustrated with a task, take a break or shift your attention to something else. Return to your task when you are calmer.

For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 652-2300.

Management strategies

- **Build a support network:** Family, friends, church and social organizations are good sources for support. Don’t just seek these groups out when you have a problem but participate in social and recreational activities with them.
- **Take care of yourself:** Get at least eight hours of sleep a night. Engage in 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity on most days of the week. Practice good nutrition and eat a variety of foods that can help ensure that your body has the necessary nutrients to combat every day stressors.
- **Make time:** Set priorities, make a schedule, and stick to it. Make sure your schedule includes time for relaxation and recreational activities.
- **Use resources:** The Health and Wellness Center has a variety of resources to help combat stress. Take some time and visit the relaxation room equipped with a massage chair. The HAWC also offers a life skills workshop as well as an anger management class. These courses offer an excellent forum to gain information about stress and learn coping skills.

Fatal distractions ... driving deserves your full attention

Base offers monthly activities



Youth center, 652-3298

Volleyball registration

Volleyball registration for youth ages 7-15 years old runs through Aug. 18. If interested, register Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the youth center. The cost is \$25 per player. All activity fees must be current. Games are played Saturdays starting Sept. 6.
For more information, call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

Soccer at the youth center

The Randolph Youth Center is offering soccer, affiliated with the Soccer Association for Youth of San Antonio. Registration is held Monday from 6 to 7 p.m.
All activity fees must be current. Registration fees are \$50 for the first and second child, \$40 for the third child and \$30 for each additional child.
Practice begins Aug. 25 and the season runs from Sept. 6 through Nov. 8. Teams registered as Randolph teams practice on base and play at the Pepsi Soccer Complex. SAYSAT is providing the uniform, which consists of a shirt, shorts and socks.

The age divisions are as follows:
Under age 5; Aug 1, 1998 - July 31, 1999
Under age 6; Aug 1, 1997 - July 31, 1998
Under age 7; Aug 1, 1996 - July 31, 1997
Under age 8; Aug 1, 1995 - July 31, 1996
Under age 9; Aug 1, 1994 - July 31, 1995
Under age 10; Aug 1, 1993 - July 31, 1994
Under age 11; Aug 1, 1992 - July 31, 1993
Under age 12; Aug 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992
For more information, visit www.saysat.org.

Skills craft center, 652-2788

Summer Madness Sale

The Randolph Skills Craft Center located in Building 895 is having a 50-percent-off sale on selected arts and crafts items. The sale runs through Aug 20.

Center pool, 652-2060

Game night at center pool

Game night is scheduled for today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the center pool. Game night includes a variety of organized games such as raft float time, boat races, dive games, fishing games, basketball and football toss and much more. It will be held every Friday night throughout the summer. The center pool closes Sept. 2.

Information Ticket and Tours - 652-2301

2004 entertainment coupon books

The new 2004 entertainment books, valid upon purchase, are now available at ITT. The cost is \$20, so stop by and pick up one today for savings throughout the year at local venues.

Texas Treasure Casino Tour

Join the Texas Treasure Casino Cruise Ship out of Port Aransas. The tour departs Randolph Aug. 16 at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 8:30 p.m. The tour price is \$25 and includes roundtrip motor coach, international buffet and live entertainment. The bus fills up quickly so stop by the ITT office and sign up today.
The next tour is scheduled for Sept 13. \$19.95 for ages three and up.

Theme park discounts

Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida, and Disneyland and Universal Studios in California are offering free admission for active duty members and special discounts for their family and friends. Stop by the ITT office for more details.

Area theme parks adjust hours

As summer draws to a close this month, many amusement and water parks will be adjusting their hours for the fall season. The following is a list of the parks that will be affected:

Sea World of Texas

Open weekends only starting Aug. 17 and closed for the season Nov. 29.
Discounted passes are available at ITT for \$22 for everyone ages 3 and up.
Six Flags Fiesta Texas
Open weekends only starting Aug. 17 and close for the season Oct. 26.
Discount passes are available at ITT for \$19.95 for everyone ages 3 and up.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark, New Braunfels

Starting Aug. 24 the park will open weekends only and close for the season Sept. 13.
Advanced tickets can be purchased at ITT for an adult for \$27.25 and for children, ages 3-11, for \$22.50.

Splashtown San Antonio

Beginning Aug. 17 the park will open weekends only and close Sept. 14 for the season.
Discounted tickets are available at ITT for \$13 for everybody ages 3 and up.
Six Flags over Texas
Beginning Aug. 17 the park will open weekends only through Dec. 28. ITT has discounted passes for everyone ages 3 and up for \$20.

Canyon Lake, 1-800-280-3466

Sunset Cruise

Outdoor recreation at Canyon Lake is hosting a sunset cruise on the lake, departing the marina Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and returning after sunset, lasting about two and one-half hours. The cruise takes place every Saturday and is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. Sign up at the marina by 2 p.m. on the day of the cruise.
Upcoming cruises are schedule for Aug. 16, 23 and 30.

Diving trip

All certified scuba divers are eligible to sign up for the diving trip. It consists of a two-tank dive at one of the known diving sites on Canyon Lake. All divers must provide required equipment, including a valid certification “C” card. Seats are limited to eight divers per trip.
The price is \$45. The dive boat will depart from the marina 9 a.m. Saturday and returns at 3 p.m. An upcoming trip is scheduled for Aug. 23.

Comal River night dive and snorkel trip

A night diving and snorkel trip is scheduled for Saturday and Aug. 16 on the Comal River. Participation is limited to 15 divers and non-divers. All participants are responsible for providing the required equipment and a valid certification “C” card.
The cost is \$30 for divers and \$15 for snorkelers. Trip participants leave the equipment checkout facility at 6:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.

Scuba diving lessons

Outdoor Recreation is now offering scuba diving lessons. The cost is \$245 which includes books, classroom, pool training and five open water dives. Students must provide fins, snorkel, mask and booties.
Dive certification from the National Dive Association of Underwater Instructors will be awarded after successful completion of the course.
Course Itinerary:

Aug. 25	Classroom	Building 112	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Pool	South Pool	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Classroom	Building 112	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	Pool	South Pool	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Classroom	Building 112	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Pool	South Pool	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Classroom	Building 112	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Pool	South Pool	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Dives	Comal River	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Dives	Canyon Lake	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Dives	Travis Lake	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, or to sign up, call Jay Whiston at 1-800-280-3466 or email jay.whiston@randolph.af.mil.

Fitness center - 652-5316

Group Thera - PT

Join the fitness center for a morning of group exercises in the BX/Commissary Parking Lot. The activities start Monday at 6 a.m. and include warm up stretches and sit-ups.

August Calendar

Through Aug. 17	Volleyball league registration, Aug. 1-18, Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Youth Center
Through Aug. 31	Fitness bingo, all month long, Fitness Center
Today	“Circle C Band,” 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers’ Club
Saturday	Diving trip, departs marina 9 a.m., Canyon Lake Sunset Cruise, departs 6:30 p.m., Canyon Lake Comal River night dive and snorkel trip, departs 6:30 p.m., Canyon Lake
Sunday	Kiddie bingo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., children of club members only, Enlisted Club
Monday	Group Thera-PT, 6 a.m., Main Exchange/Commissary Parking Lot
Wednesday	5k run-walk-crawl, 10:30 a.m., Fitness Center
15	“Rob Carter,” 6:30 - 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers’ Club
16	Give parents a break, 5 to 11 p.m., Youth Center, Child Development Center, Child Development Center Annex
	Texas Treasure Casino Tour, departs 7 a.m., ITT
17	Back-to-school brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers’ Club
18-22	Welcome Back League Bowlers, \$1.50 per game, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bowling Center
20	Parents’ Lunch and Learn, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Child Development Center Annex
	Boating safety course, 6 p.m., outdoor recreation
22	“Wilburn Brothers,” 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers’ Club
	“Elvis Presley” and 50’s-60’s Band, Officers’ Club Super Social 5 to 7 p.m., Elvis impersonator 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Officers’ Club
29	Birthday celebration, 2:15 p.m., Child Development Center
	“Borderline,” 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, Officers’ Club
31	All-nighter, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Enlisted Club

Airmen’s Dining Facility

Building 860 — 652-5533 Recorded Menu 652-MEAL (6325)	7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out
Weekday meals: 5:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner	Weekends and Holidays: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner No carry out

New ensemble

AF unveils plan to wear-test new utility uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear-test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the

21st century, officials said.

Three hundred sets of uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

“Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform

you will be proud to wear,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

“We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform,” General Jumper said. “In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance.”

General Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

“We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions,” he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

“I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape,” he said. “This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward.”

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Chief Murray said.

“I believe it’s a uniform fitting of the world’s greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear,” he said. “We want your feedback as well - not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

“It’s important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen’s needs,” Chief Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry



Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford dons the test Air Force utility uniform in the Pentagon’s courtyard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men’s and women’s cuts. The separate women’s uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s, women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

- Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:
- Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics;
 - A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform;
 - Recalling the “tiger stripe” camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Besko (left) and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both with the Bolling Air Force Base 11th Communications Squadron, try out the Air Force test utility uniform in a computer server room. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

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Capt. Rachel Sullivan (right) and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, both with the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews Air Force Base, give the optional Henley-style T-shirt a try while putting the test utility uniform through its paces on the flightline. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

Family child care program

Providing quality fun, learning for Randolph children

By Essie Howard
Family Child Care

For years, mothers have been placing their trust in the hands of family members when they can't be with their children. This tradition is continued at Air Force bases worldwide, where the larger family includes friends and co-workers.

What was once the babysitter down the street is now a licensed child care provider. The love and fun is still there and many other great things have been added.

- The Air Force requires family child care providers to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, child protection, child development, safety, and nutrition.
- All family child care homes are carefully monitored and inspected every month to ensure that appropriate learning and interaction is being provided.
- Providers progress through a series of licenses; with each step up the provider is expected to enhance and expand upon the developmentally appropriate curriculum and environment for the children in his or her care.

- For children with special needs requiring low ratios, or parents with varied work schedules, family child care is the perfect choice. With exercises and long shifts, the Air Force member's schedule often makes a traditional child care center insufficient.

- Providers and the children participate in field trips, computer learning, activities to stimulate intellectual and motor skills, social, emotional, language and literacy skills.

- Developmental and accredited providers at Randolph Family Child Care are participating in earlylearner.net, which is an Internet-based program that uses observations to assess children's learning and developmental growth. This information is then used to create a developmentally appropriate curriculum for the children in each provider's care.

A big bonus is the fact that each child has an online portfolio created, which parents can access at any time. The portfolio includes a journal about the child's learning, and can include pictures of the child's artwork, video clips and sound clips. This program has proven to

be an invaluable resource to parents and providers both, as evidenced by the increase in provider-parent communication.

- Providers are able to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program. This assures children receive nutritious, well-balanced meals and snacks served in a clean, healthy environment. Participating providers receive reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture.

- Through training and information sharing sessions, organized by the Family Child Care Coordinator and the Training and Curriculum Specialist, providers receive ongoing training to learn new ways of making their homes places for children to grow and learn.

Many parents prefer to keep all of their children together in the same environment, regardless of age. Family Child Care, managed under Air Force direction, is a resource many parents and children could not do without.

Call 652-3668 for more information about the Air Force Family Child Care Provider program.

Job fair offers tips

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center is helping people prepare for a job fair next month by holding a workshop Aug. 20 from 8 to 10 a.m. The workshop is designed to help people find success at the San Antonio Military/Community Job Fair Sept. 24 at the Live Oak Civic Center.

“The workshop is beneficial to attendees because they have the chance to make the most of their time there, learning tips about resumes, dress and other important job hunting skills,” said Fae Simmons, family support center, transition program manager.

At the workshop, attendees can learn what to expect at the upcoming job fair, what to bring to the job fair, job fair errors that can be prevented, tips for writing a resume, how to dress for the job fair, how to prepare for a five-minute interview and how to follow up on connections. Private and public sector employees will be at the job fair, offering both local and nationwide employment opportunities.

Active duty military, family members, veterans and DOD civilian personnel can attend the workshop and job fair. For more information, call Ms. Simmons at 652-5321.

AF club membership used to travel the world

By Mike Casey
12th Services Division

Many airmen have joined the Air Force with dreams of seeing the world, some actually do, while others spend a career at less than exciting places and only dream of seeing the Alps, Waikiki or the Big Ben.

Air Force Clubs hopes to fulfill some of those dreams with its 2003 Membership Drive. Titled Travel The World On Us, the membership drive runs Aug. 18 through Oct. 31. More than 140 people will win travel related prizes valued from \$500 to \$5,000 just for signing up for membership. The drive is open to all eligible non-members, active duty, reserve, civilians and retirees.

Winners of this year’s drive are allowed to choose their own destinations. If you win the \$5,000 prize you could fly to Paris, take a cruise, or rent a car and visit your favorite travel destination. All prizes are redeemed through local Air Force Information, Tickets and Travel Offices. Winners on bases without ITT facilities will be able to contact the Headquarters Air Force Services Central Ticket Office to redeem their prizes.

As a member’s reward, Air Force

Clubs is also offering a set of prizes to current members. They want our loyal members, who are the backbone of clubs to know that they are appreciated as well. Current club members are automatically entered to win.

Besides the prizes being offered by Air Force Clubs, our Randolph Enlisted and Officers’ Clubs are providing up to three months free dues and \$25 in club bucks to new members and all members will be eligible for weekly drawings for a \$50 ITT gift certificate or a Services Coupon book, a \$200 value, for the duration of the drive.

Membership benefits include special discounts on food, entertainment, special functions and bingo, chances to win trips to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl and a regular season NFL game. Additionally, club members may have the year round benefit of Premier Value Miles Program, points accumulated can be redeemed for airline tickets, or the Free Cash Rewards program, points accumulated can be redeemed for cash or merchandise certificates, and annual percentage rates.

Stop by the enlisted or officers’ club for a membership application or to find out more about the benefits of club membership.

Honoring the Centennial of Flight

(Editor’s note Honoring the Centennial of Flight is a series of short vignettes about remarkable achievements or events related to the first 100 years of aerial history.

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The world’s first “smart bomb” flew its first mission on August 4, 1944.

Under the highly unlikely name of Operation Aphrodite, a few war-weary B-17s were stripped of their normal equipment and filled with almost 9,000 pounds of explosives fused to detonate on impact of a crash landing. A normal load was 5,000 pounds of bombs and enough fuel to get the plane to a recovery base.

A volunteer two-man crew piloted the heavily loaded Aphrodite bombers for take off and then bailed out over friendly territory after activating the fuse circuits for the explosives.

The bombers carried two television cameras, a new technology at the time; one camera was focused on the instrument panel and the other

was pointed forward in the Plexiglas nose of the airplane. Another specially equipped B-17, flying on a parallel course a few miles away, carried the TV receivers and pilots with radio controllers to fly what was now an unmanned drone. The radio control pilots then “flew” the drone all the way to its final dive onto its assigned target.

Targets for the BQ-7s, as they were designated, were German V-1 missile sites, and hardened submarine pens. After four months and 25 attempts, the highly classified experiment was canceled because only one of the BQ-7s had successfully hit its target. Failures were attributed to enemy flak, foul weather and the limited radio control technology then available.

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., older brother of President John F. Kennedy, was killed when the Navy version of Operation Aphrodite, a modified PB4Y (a B-24 bomber) that he was piloting for take-off, blew up prematurely. The facts of his death were not declassified until many years after the war.





Intramural Softball Team Standings
Regular season final results

MON-WED		
Team	W	L
12th CES	15	3
AETC/DP	14	3
AFRS	14	3
AFPC #2	9	9
12th CON	9	9
12th OSS	6	12
12th SFS	6	12
562nd B FLT	5	13
562nd G FLT	5	13
563rd FTS	5	13

TUE-THUR		
Team	W	L
AFPC #1	17	1
12th CS	12	3
AETC/CSS	11	6
12th AMO	9	8
562nd INSTR	5	8
12th MDG	3	16
562nd I FLT	1	14

Extramural Softball Team Standings
Regular season final results

NATIONAL		
Team	W	L
DPAA #1	7	1
AFRS	7	1
AFOMS	7	1
12th CPTS	4	4
DPAA #2	2	5
12th MDG	1	5
AFSVA	0	7

AMERICAN		
Team	W	L
AETC/DP	6	0
JPSSO	6	2
12th SUP	4	2
12TH MSS	4	4
12th SVS	2	3
DPAO	2	4
AFMIA	2	5
19th AF	1	6



The 12th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural softball teams huddles to pep themselves up for the final inning. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

Intramural softball playoffs begin

12th AMO hitting paces upset of 12th CES

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The intramural softball playoffs began here Monday and the first upset has already taken place.

The 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization defeated the 12th Civil Engineer Squadron 17-11 to advance into the second round of the playoffs.

“We played a tough 12th CES team that just wouldn’t go away,” said Kirk McBride. “We got off to a big early lead by playing together and we kept our lead by not allowing too many errors. If we play like this, we can beat anyone.”

The 12th AMO team came out swinging. In the first inning, they hit three doubles, six singles and a home run to propel them to an 11-run inning.

The 12th CES team, who went 15-3 during the regular season, was held scoreless until the fourth inning.

“We got off to a rough start,” said Frank Rios, 12th CES coach. “Usually we swing the bat well enough to score 15 to 20 runs. In this game, we just couldn’t get started early enough.”

Meanwhile, in the second inning, 12th AMO kept their hitting up. They connected for two singles followed by two home runs to give them a 17-0 lead.

The 12th CES team got on the board in the fourth inning with a mulitple-hit attack of their own. They connected for three singles, two

doubles, a triple and two homers to cut the lead to 17-7.

The 12th AMO team failed to score in the next two innings, but made up for it with outstanding defensive play including some textbook infield stops.

“Joe Hubby played extremely well at shortstop,” said McBride. “He has excellent range and really knows how to fill his position.”

In the sixth inning, with the score 17-7, 12th CES made another charge. Their first batter cracked a double up the middle, followed by an RBI single.

After a walked batter, a three-run homer brought CES within six runs.

With no outs, 12th CES looked like they were on a comeback, but their next two batters grounded out on acrobatic plays by Hubby. The final batter popped out to end the inning. AMO advanced to the next round in the winner’s bracket, while the 12th CES moves into the loser’s bracket.

In other playoff action, 12th Communications Squadron beat Air Education Training and Command Directorate of Personnel, the Air Force Personnel Center beat the 12th Contracting Squadron, the Air Education Training and Command Computer Systems Squadron beat the Air Force Recruiting Service Monday.

Tuesday, 12th AMO beat 12th CS and the Air Force Personnel Center defeated Air Education Training and Command Directorate of Personnel.



Mike Zacko, 12th Aircraft Maintenance Organization, prepares to make the catch. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

Sports Briefs

Beginners runners class

A running class designed for the beginner runner, is set for Aug. 25 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Call the Health and Wellness Center at 652-2300 for more information or to enroll.

Running injury class

A running injury class, designed to teach participants how to prevent running injuries, is offered Monday from 11 am. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to sign up for the next class, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Randolph wins muscle mania

The Randolph powerlifting team took first place in the dual-sanctioned Air Education Training Command and Amateur Athletic Union Muscle Mania Power Lifting Championship held at Little Rock AFB.

First Lt. Stacy Milbauer, Master Sgt. Ennis White, Denise Perryman and Gene Bell all took first place in the AAU

contest in their weight categories and Senior Airman William Brown finished second. In the AETC contest, Lieutenant Milbauer, Sergeant White and Airman Brown won their wieght categories.

Intramural bowling

There will be an organizational meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the bowling center to discuss the upcoming intramural bowling season.

Call Rick Prado at 652-2955 at the fitness center for more information.

Anger management class

An anger management class is set for Wednesday at 10:30.

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Back school

Help prevent future back injuries and ease back pain with information from the physical therapist.

Call physical therapy at 652-3137 to be scheduled for the next class, which is Tuesday.

Cholesterol management

A cholesterol management workshop, is scheduled for Monday, at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will include a nutrition overview, exercising with results, two behavior modification classes and a cholesterol briefing. Cholesterol testing will be available.

To enroll in the next class call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Chung do Kawn class

Chung do Kawn classes are offered for \$30 per month, for up to five classes per week. Classes are held at the fitness center, Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for anyone over 12 years old.

Those interested in enrolling may do so after first observing any class session. Master Stephen Glass, a sixth-degree black belt teaches the class.